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### **CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ADOPTS 114 BIKING AND WALKING PROJECTS FOR 2015 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

*Commission also allocates more than \$165 million to repair highways and bridges, improve road safety and reduce congestion*

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The California Transportation Commission (CTC) has adopted 114 biking and walking projects, valued at more than \$262 million, in the state's 2015 Active Transportation Program.

"Caltrans has a strategic goal to triple cycling and double walking and transit trips statewide by 2020," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "We are committed to investing in projects that expand the availability of bike and pedestrian access throughout the state."

California's Active Transportation Program (ATP) is the largest of its type in the nation and funds most of the state's walking and bicycle projects. The bicycle and pedestrian projects funded by the ATP not only encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, but they support sustainable communities and healthier, low-carbon travel choices.

Examples of ATP projects adopted today include:

**Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC): Murrieta Road Improvements—**construct Class II bike lanes, curb, gutter, sidewalk, pedestrian bridge, and traffic signal on Murrieta Road from San Jacinto Avenue to 1,000 feet north of Nuevo Road and on Dale Street from Wilson Avenue to Murrieta Road (\$1.1 million).

**San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG): Safe Routes to Schools Active Transportation at Four Elementary Schools in the City of Ontario—**Acquire right of way at two locations and construct 5,000 linear feet of sidewalk, curb and gutter, and adjacent street paving within a short distance from each school (\$50,000).

[Click here](#) to view a list of all 114 adopted ATP projects and detailed information about the program can be found on [Caltrans' website](#). The adopted projects comprise two components: the Statewide Program (\$179.9 million for 87 projects) and the Small Urban/Rural Program





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(\$35.5 million for 27 projects). More than 85 percent of the funds (\$184.5 million) for these components directly benefit disadvantaged communities.

Caltrans received 617 applications from cities and counties across California, totaling more than \$1 billion in project requests. California's nine largest Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Bay Area, Fresno, Sacramento, San Diego, Southern California, San Jose, Stanislaus, Tulare and Kern) are still eligible to recommend projects to the CTC on an additional \$143.64 million in active transportation funds designated specifically to their regions based on population. The CTC will adopt projects submitted by MPOs in December.

Continuing the drive to rebuild California's infrastructure, the Commission also allocated more than \$165 million to 39 transportation projects that will improve and maintain the state's transportation system. These allocations include \$28.9 million for Transit and Intercity Rail Program projects and \$3.2 million towards 13 ATP projects.

Among the projects that received funding allocations today were:

**Caltrans (San Bernardino County)**—on State Route 138 (SR-138) near Hesperia, from 1.9 miles east of Route 15 to 0.1 mile west of Summit Post Office Road. Realign and construct 2-lane section with outside shoulders, three wildlife crossings and Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) crossing to reduce the number and severity of collisions (\$34.9 million).

The CTC approved the 2015 Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP), which will be a guiding document for all investment in the interregional transportation system. The policies in the 2015 ITSP focus on improving the interregional movement of people and freight in a safe and sustainable manner that supports the economy. Caltrans will now proceed to incorporate the updates identified by the CTC at the meeting and make any remaining non-substantive changes to the document before it is finalized.

Please see the attached file for more information about all projects that received allocations.

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